

## CABLE TO ST. NICHOLAS IS NOT WORKING NOW

European War Shuts Out Word to  
Santa Claus Through The  
Star Offices.

There was when the offices of The Washington Star were in direct communication with the north pole and the headquarters of Santa Claus, but the great European war has put an end to this pleasant and convenient arrangement.

over one as it rests on the bottom of the sea just as they are over the telegraph wires that run on poles along the railroad or trolley tracks. Well, up to this year one of these cables ran from The Star down the Potomac and under the sea to the great exporting house of St. Nicholas & Co., and that was a convenient way for the children of Washington to communicate with the good saint.

**Work of Warring Nation.**  
The cable isn't working any more, though, and according to the opinions of the experts, it has been cut by one of the nations now at war. Not intentionally, of course, for no one would think of doing such a thing.

Countries that are at war want to do all the harm they can to the grown-up soldiers of their opponents, but the idea of interfering with the little folks of any nation is far from their minds. They have little ones of their own and know how important it is to keep in touch with the good saint.

many countries as are engaged in this one, one of the first things the warships do is to try to cut the cables of their enemies, so that they cannot talk and plan together by means of the under-sea route.

**Can Cable No Letters This Year.**  
A great many of the cables running under the ocean in various directions between different countries have been cut for this reason, and it is supposed that some ship, finding the line running from The Star to Santa's headquarters, cut it in two without knowing exactly which one it was.

Anyhow, no answering clicks come back when the operator tries to talk with the north pole. In former days letters addressed to Santa Claus in care of The Star were at once cabled to him. Now it cannot be done any more, at least over that wire. There are still ways of reaching Santa, however, but not through The Star office.

If you want work, read the want columns of The Star.

## STIRRENGLY DEPICTS RAVAGED BELGIUM

Mme. Vandervelde Strikes Instant Response in Hearts  
of Washingtonians.

\$1,144.52 IS DONATED  
TO RELIEVE SUFFERING

Other Meetings Will Be Held and  
Greater Fund Is Expected  
From City.

Cash and pledges amounting to \$1,144.52 were contributed by a sympathetic audience in the First Congregational Church last night, following the recital of the pitiful story of Belgium's sufferings and needs, and an impassioned plea for relief by Mme. Lalla Vandervelde, wife of the minister d'etat of that stricken country.

A committee of prominent men headed by John P. Story passed up and down the aisles, and bills, coins and pledges were showered upon the plates by men and women who were deeply stirred by the word picture of the ravaged country utterly devastated, with seven millions of women and children desperate for bread.

The collection last night does not include other individual donations made to Mme. Vandervelde's fund by wealthy Washingtonians, and it is expected that it will be largely increased at several drawing room lectures she is giving.

These are at the home of Mrs. William A. Slater, 1731 I street northwest, this afternoon.

**Pleading for Belgians.**

Mme. Vandervelde is touring Canada and the United States pleading the cause of the starving Belgians, collecting funds for their relief, which are spent as far as possible in communities in which they are contributed. She already has received more than a quarter of a million dollars. The meeting last night was under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Club.

Dr. Alexander Graham Bell presided and the object of the meeting was told by Mrs. Thomas W. Sidwell, president of the club.

The little woman with the tired but beautiful face lighted with the joy of service, who tried to forget while she is touring this country on behalf of her destitute compatriots that she has been cut off from her family and friends for months, made an instant and powerful appeal.

The audience was thrilled with a new conception of the wonderful courage of little Belgium, when Mme. Vandervelde said:

"By burning and sacking cities and towns, and killing non-combatants Germany hoped to terrorize our people that we would clamor for peace at any price. This method has not and will not avail in Belgium. We of Belgium prefer extermination to dishonor."

**Pictures Waste and Ruin.**

Vividly picturing the waste and ruin wrought in Belgium by German armies, Mme. Vandervelde kept the audience at a high tension of sympathy to the very last word of her address. She spoke with rich voice, sometimes low and tremulous, as she told of particular cases of suffering by women and children as they came under her personal observation during the flights into Antwerp and Malines.

During the siege of Liege and the wrecking of Louvain, again her voice was vibrant and resonant as she described the unanimity of the people in supporting the king, the sacking of Louvain and the behavior of the Belgian army as it withstood the siege of Liege.

"No one who was present," she said, "can ever forget the scene at the last meeting of our parliament when Germany served her ultimatum on Belgium. Party feeling has always run very high in Belgium, but it was cast to the winds and all parties gathered round our noble king, each person swore a holy oath to defend our country to the last man, for its very existence."

**Bravery of Little Army.**

"Belgium's army was composed of 150,000 men. What a pitiable little group to send against the vast hosts of the Kaiser. But the Belgians were fighting for their lives and their country. And how they fought. They were happy to remain for days in the trenches under constant fire, and the women risked shot and shell and all the horrors of battle to bring them food, fruit and chocolate to sustain the run."

"The great war passion has all Europe in its grip. The primal passions are rampant. The world is in history has transformed us into barbarians. America is the only nation where peace reigns today, where there is prosperity. I have come to you, a warm-hearted people, to tell you of our great need. We need your charity to feed our seven millions of starving people. We will need you later to lead us in the colossal work of reconstruction. Great as is our need, yet greater is your charity. America alone among the nations can and will, I am sure, preserve the little sister nation."

**Belgian Minister Present.**  
The Belgian minister and Mme. Haventh were among those who heard the address. Mme. Haventh was a member of the committee of the Twentieth Century Club which made arrangements for the meeting.

An informal reception was given yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gilbert H. Grosvenor, 1325 18th street northwest, to Mme. Vandervelde. Mrs. Grosvenor invited members of the committee of which she is chairman to meet the distinguished foreigner. Mme. Vandervelde is the guest of the Belgian minister and Mme. Haventh during her stay in the capital. The members of the committee which acted under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Club invited to meet Mme. Vandervelde were: Mrs. Mabel T. Boardman, Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, Mrs. Duncan T. Fletcher, Mrs. Emma S. Shelton, Miss Janet Richards, Mrs. P. Bicknell, Mrs. Thomas W. Sidwell, Mrs. Eugene E. Stevens, Mrs. Frank Baker, Mrs. Ellis Loring, Mrs. T. L. McDonald, Mrs. William F. Woolard, Mrs. Julius Lansburgh, Mrs. Arthur Ramsay and Mrs. Edward B. Clark.

**Support From All Classes.**  
Mme. Vandervelde said in an interview that she had received the encouragement and co-operation of the leading citizens of all the cities at which she had visited. She declared that financial support had come from the rich and poor alike, and that a great part of the donations had been made at a sacrifice. But she praised the generosity of rich Americans who have made large cash donations.

She plans to leave Washington Friday.

**Seeks to Increase Membership.**  
A membership campaign is being conducted by the M. C. Pleasant Citizens' Association, and all members have been asked to obtain at least one new member. Blanks have been mailed to all members, who are urged to have it signed by a neighbor or friend and to have the applicant for admission attend the next meeting of the association, which is to be held in the Brown lobby, 10th street and Park road, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

## 2,000 SCHOOL "KIDDIES" CHEER MOVIE PICTURES

First of Star's Series of Roberson's  
Travel-Journeys for  
Children.

Two thousand school kiddies crowded Convention Hall yesterday afternoon and were whirled on a delightful screen journey across Norway by Travelogue Roberson.

It was the first of the series of five travelogues to be given by The Star's Travelogue for the benefit of the children, from the noise and enthusiasm which greeted Mr. Roberson's appearance on the platform and the close attention paid the school matinee was very much of a success. The children had the time of their lives.

From the time the doors were opened until the travelogue started the children amused themselves making noise, but they immediately quieted when the pictures were flashed on the screen and the travel-journey commenced.

**Many Teachers and Officials.**

With the children were many teachers and officials of the schools. Asst. Supt. Kramer was there, and was much pleased with the manner in which the handling of the children was conducted.

"I am delighted," he said at the close of the travelogue, "Mr. Roberson surely knows his work in handling children."

"The travelogue was wonderful, well worth while from every educational point of view. All the school people here were well satisfied, and I know the remainder of the series will be successful."

**This Afternoon's Program.**

The children's travelogue for today

is on the subject of "Beautiful America." Thursday it will be "Italy," and Friday the same, the former travelogue being given for colored school children.

Saturday afternoon the series will be concluded with a trip to Holland. All travelogues commence at 2:45 o'clock, except the one Saturday afternoon, which will start at 1:30 o'clock. The special travelogues are being given through an arrangement between The Star, Travelogue Roberson and the board of education, by which money received from the sale of tickets is to go toward the equipment of playgrounds. The matinees are open to the public, tickets being secured as usual, at the box office. Ten cents is the general admission, coupons not being required.

**"Imperial India" Tonight.**

The regular travelogue subject tonight is "Imperial India," perhaps the most fascinating and wonderful land in the world. The great temples and shrines, many of them hundreds of feet high, lavishly carved and richly decorated, the strange oriental customs, the weird magic, the great religious processions, the creeds making up the religions of these people—all combine to surround this country with an interest possessed by no other. Washingtonians who attend this remarkable travelogue will find it one of the most gripping they have seen, a portrayal of the orient which they will long remember.

**Low Price of Admission.**

Thursday evening "Japan and China" is on the boards. Friday evening comes "Germany and Austria." As the travelogues presented by The Star and Sunday, those who have not attended will find it well worth their while to do so, as the schedule for the closing numbers embraces some of the most interesting screen journeys Mr. Roberson has to offer.

Admission for evening travelogues is 10 cents with the coupon from the first page of The Star, or 25 cents for a seat in the reserved section.

**Brightwood Citizens Meet Tonight.**

The December meeting of the Brightwood Park Citizens' Association is to be held tonight in Van Horn Hall, Georgia avenue and Longfellow street, at 8 o'clock.

## Would Not Give Up \$6,000 Note.

Until trustees in bankruptcy have been elected by the creditors of Lewis Johnson & Co., J. Miller Kenyon and W. Morris Lammond, the receivers, tell the Bankruptcy Court that they doubt the expediency of surrendering a note for \$6,000 claimed by Mrs. Robert B. Howard. Mrs. Howard declares the note was deposited with the firm for collection only. The answer of the receivers was filed by Attorneys Leon

## Mrs. Fannie A. Hilton's Will.

By the terms of the will of Mrs. Fannie A. Hilton, dated July 8, 1902, her diamond earrings and a diamond pin are given to her mother, Mrs. Fannie A. Todd. The remaining estate is devised to her husband, Samuel L. Hilton, who is also named as executor.

## Suggestions For Xmas Presents

Diamond Jewelry is always acceptable—the recipient will be delighted to receive a solid gold diamond article as a gift from you. The articles mentioned below are warranted 14-kt. Solid Gold.

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Small Gold Rings with Diamond for Ladies. 5.00 up  
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Gents' Handsome Diamond Ring, 4-kt. fine. 15.00 to 20.00  
Many Other Mounted and Unmounted Stones. 50.00

**Ladies' Solid Gold Diamond Case Waltham.**

Watch. 30.00  
Ladies' Solid Diamond Case Watch, Star and Crescent. 37.00  
Ladies' Gold Watch, Diamonds in Case. 50.00  
Solid Gold Cut Links, Diamonds. \$2.50 to 15.00  
Solid Gold Cut Links, Diamond. 2.00

**Clips.**

Diamond Tie Clips. 2.00 to 5.00  
Diamond Scarf Pins. 3.50 to 7.50  
Diamond Lockets. 5.00 to 25.00  
Diamond Lavalliers. 5.00 to 50.00  
Diamond Lavalliers, special fine, 4-kt. Diamond. 35.00  
2-stone Diamond Lavallier, special. 30.00  
Diamond Brooches. 7.50 to 75.00

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Records of your own selection. \$4.00

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Pay \$4.00 down (for records) and \$2.50 monthly thereafter.

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Records of your own selection. \$5.00

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Pay \$5.00 down (for records) and \$4.00 monthly thereafter.

VICTROLA IX. \$50.00  
Records of your own selection. \$5.00

Total cost. \$55.00  
Pay \$5.00 down (for records) and \$5.00 monthly thereafter.

VICTROLA X. \$75.00  
Records of your own selection. \$7.50

Total cost. \$82.50  
Pay \$7.50 down (for records) and \$7.50 monthly thereafter.

VICTROLA XI. \$100.00  
Records of your own selection. \$10.00

Total cost. \$110.00  
Pay \$10.00 down (for records) and \$10.00 monthly thereafter.

VICTROLA XIV. \$150.00  
Records of your own selection. \$10.00

Total cost. \$160.00  
Pay \$10.00 down (for records) and \$10.00 monthly thereafter.

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Records of your own selection. \$10.00

Total cost. \$210.00  
Pay \$10.00 down (for records) and \$10.00 monthly thereafter.

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Records of your own selection. \$4.00

Total cost. \$29.00  
Pay \$4.00 down (for records) and \$2.50 monthly thereafter.

JEWEL. \$35.00  
Records of your own selection. \$5.00

Total cost. \$40.00  
Pay \$5.00 down (for records) and \$4.00 monthly thereafter.

FAVORITE. \$50.00  
Records of your own selection. \$5.00

Total cost. \$55.00  
Pay \$5.00 down (for records) and \$5.00 monthly thereafter.

LEADER. \$75.00  
Records of your own selection. \$7.50

Total cost. \$82.50  
Pay \$7.50 down (for records) and \$7.50 monthly thereafter.

MIGNONETTE. \$100.00  
Records of your own selection. \$10.00

Total cost. \$110.00  
Pay \$10.00 down (for records) and \$10.00 monthly thereafter.

NONPARIEL. \$150.00  
Records of your own selection. \$10.00

Total cost. \$160.00  
Pay \$10.00 down (for records) and \$10.00 monthly thereafter.

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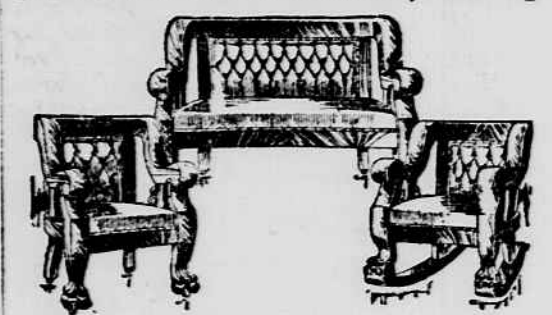
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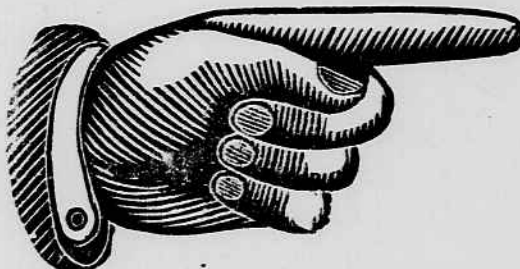
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	Was	Sale Price
Knabe Grand	\$800	\$325
Knabe Grand	\$750	\$375
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Steinway Grand	\$900	\$425

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Weber	\$500	\$150
Steinway	\$600	\$225
Knabe	\$500	\$190
Knabe	\$500	\$150
Hardman	\$500	\$175
Vose	\$350	\$185
Regent	\$350	\$225
Shoninger	\$325	\$225
Kimball	\$350	\$160
Chickering	\$500	\$150
Morris	\$350	\$90
Haines Bros.	\$400	\$175
Fischer	\$400	\$175
Kohler-Campbell	\$300	\$175
Stieff	\$450	\$90
Harvard	\$425	\$125
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